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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are shown on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.